

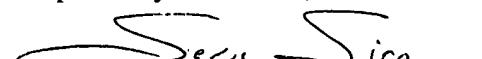
REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application, with Claims 1 and 7 being independent. Claims 3, 4, 16 and 18 have been amended to place the claims in better form for U.S. Patent Practice. The specification has been amended to set forth the related application information for the parent application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/971,576, filed October 9, 2001. New Figs. 2 and 3 are supported in the specification, for example, by original claim 10. Accordingly, entry of the additional figures is respectfully requested. All amendments set forth herein are made for reasons of clarity with respect to the specification and drawings, and not for reasons relating to the statutory requirements for patentability. The amendment to the Specification is supported fully specification as originally filed and, thus, does not represent new subject matter.

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